

# Facility Advisory Board

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## VISION

The Department of Juvenile Services Facility Advisory Board strives to make a difference in the lives of youth under DJS care by taking action, working together, building bridges to communication and by promoting opportunities for DJS youth to achieve success.

## MISSION

The Department of Juvenile Services Facility Advisory Board is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all youth under DJS care by advising the Secretary, the Deputy Secretaries, the Assistant Secretary for Residential Services and the facility Superintendents in matters that are relevant to the effective operation and improvement of DJS programs and facilities.

## GOALS

- ☐ Maximize communication and coordination between DJS and members of the community, advocates, and legislature
  - ☐ Assist DJS in ensuring that youth receive appropriate services that facilitate learning and re entry planning
  - ☐ Assist DJS in developing community understanding and awareness of the detention process and the community reintegration process
  - ☐ Increase volunteers, donations and grant funds for DJS youth, programs and facilities
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## **VALUES STATEMENT**

**The Department of Juvenile Services Facility Advisory Board values a system where youth are held accountable while being provided effective treatment services and programs. The Facility Advisory Board values the diversity of all youth and believes that youth should be treated with respect regardless of ethnicity, socio economic status, race, age, or gender. The Facility Advisory Board believes that investing in DJS youth today, is an investment in our tomorrow.**

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<b>Integrity</b>	<b>We deal honestly and fairly with the community, youth and one another.</b>
<b>Respect</b>	<b>We embrace each others differences, and treat others with fairness, dignity, and compassion.</b>
<b>Equality</b>	<b>We believe that true opportunity requires that youth in DJS care have full access to the benefits, burdens and responsibilities of our society regardless of race, gender, national origin, or socioeconomic status.</b>
<b>Redemption</b>	<b>We recognize that youth in DJS care are responsive and evolving, and although they sometimes falter in their efforts, and break societal rules, they warrant the chance for treatment and redemption.</b>
<b>Community</b>	<b>We share responsibility for each other, just as we are responsible for ourselves. We believe in creating a positive environment, which promotes a sense of belonging and value.</b>
<b>Partnership</b>	<b>We believe that taking action, working together, and making a difference can only be accomplished through partnerships.</b>

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